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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum was dedicated on April 19, 2005, in Springfield to honor America's 16th President; and

WHEREAS, The Library and Museum will serve as a popular tourist attraction, drawing people from throughout the country to learn about the extraordinary life of Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is known as the Land of Lincoln because of Lincoln's historical ties to several areas throughout Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Tourism is vital to the economic health and stability of Central and Southern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois congressional delegation have introduced legislation to create the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area consisting of the counties of: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Dewitt, Douglas, Edgar, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Henderson, Jersey, Knox, Lasalle, Logan, McLean, McDonough, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Peoria, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Tazewell, Vermillion, Warren, and Woodford; and

WHEREAS, The creation of an Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area would give these counties access to federal funding to build and improve recreational and educational sites related to Abraham Lincoln; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress and the President of the United States to

1 create the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That copies of the resolution be sent to the
4 President of the United States and to each member of the
5 Illinois congressional delegation.